

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application.

This continuation application is filed pursuant to MPEP 201.03 to correct the inventorship in the currently allowed and co-pending parent case, application number 09/311,772 filed May 13, 1999. Further details regarding the inventorship correction are submitted in the concurrently filed document titled "Communication Regarding Continuation Application To Correct Inventorship."

Claims 1-11 in this application correspond to allowed claims 1, 11, 16, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27, 35, 82, and 83 of the parent case, respectively. This Amendment also presents specification amendments that were filed in the parent case. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment.

A copy of the Declaration that was filed in the parent case is also included with this Amendment. A set of formal drawings is attached hereto, to replace the original drawings contained in the application (Figs. 1 to 9; Sheets 1 to 13).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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Declaration
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